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A PEEK AT "INSIDE..."

Hispanic Heritage Week...some job changes and an opportunity...a few words about the competition...information developments on disease and pest problems...and a few other items comprise what you'll be reading about in this short issue of "Inside..."

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SI AMIGO

During this week, there have been special exhibits, speakers, and lots of talk about Hispanic Heritage at USDA. In town, there have been other observances, including various salutes and dinners to celebrate Hispanic culture, history and goals for the future.

Mara Guerrero and Phil Villa-Lobos from GPA have been greatly involved in helping plan the affairs in USDA, participating on programs and providing news coverage.

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MEDFLY CONCERN GROWS

You probably saw the Monday press release about how the Medfly quarantine area has had to be enlarged. Expansion was necessary because of new findings from intensified trapping surveys in California.

All infestations so far have been associated with home gardens and other noncommercial fruit or vegetable production areas. Commercially produced fruits and vegetables within the regulated areas are fumigated...and...shipments directly from quarantined areas of California to Hawaii (where the Medfly already exists) are not subject to the controls.

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GETTING EXOTIC

Connie Crunkleton, Atlanta inf officer, got an alert at home the other night about forming a regional emergency disease eradication operation after discovery of exotic Newcastle disease in a large-scale pet bird operation in Florida. Within a couple of days--or less--Connie was on her way to Miami to set up a base for operations.

If you've been reading the newspapers and watching TV network news, you know that the outbreak is serious. Connie was the "spokeswoman" quoted on CBS News.

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THOUGHTS FOR THIEVES

Closer to home,, one of the more serious concerns has to do with a rash of typewriter thefts through the buildings of USDA. Nope, "Inside..." so far has escaped...but Claude Gifford, GPA, points

out the following: "In one heist, thieves presumably eager to do some typing, made off with two IBM Selectric typewriters in one evening's foray. Since these were 'correcting' models, we assume that the thieves are prone to make mistakes."

"Their biggest mistake, perhaps, was in passing up the 'memory' typewriters (maybe the thieves didn't want to recall anything); but from my viewpoint, their biggest error was in overlooking the old standard Remington.

"It is a great machine. It can't spell; it never knows where to put a comma; and changing the ribbon so that it returns automatically at the end of the spool has successfully blackened the fingers and shaken the confidence of every secretary on the fifth floor; but you can pound it, hit it, kick it, curse at it, and it won't change expression or strike back.

"Cockroaches won't touch it; mice find no comfort in its cold interior; visitors cast no covetous glances at its staid appearance. Alas, even thieves disdain it.

"Ah, thieves, you unfeeling fools, what a grievous wrong you have committed when you passed by with such contempt a mechanical creature of such noble qualities. Remington, you are mine, always mine!"

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HOW'S THAT AGAIN? We saw an interesting item Pennsylvania State U. folks recently had in their inf newsletter. They'd copped onto it from a UNESCO study. So, we'll repeat it, and it goes like this:

"If you get the feeling that there are a lot of words competing for space on your newspapers and air time on your radio stations, you're right. AP issues 17 million words, UPI issues 11 million words and 200 news pictures and REUTERS 1,500 words daily."

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TWO BROWNS FOR A WILLIAM Roger Brown, now at Iowa State U., writes: "I'm leaving my position as extension TV-radio editor at Michigan State U...been here 11 years. I begin as communicator, radio-TV, Iowa State U. on Sept. 12. I replace Dale Williams who recently retired. Dave Brown (no relation) takes over in my job in Mich."

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AND A JOB IN CALIF. U. of California is seeking a director, small farms central information service (1-year position) for the Davis campus. Inquiries should be made by Oct. 3; applications must be received by Oct. 17, with transcripts and four letters of reference.

Person hired will direct and manage a central inf service, oversee development of a data bank, provide liaison with other centers, manage a resource library, maintain contact with small farm interests through newsletters, meetings, and mass communication.

If interested ask about position #8053 and contact Robert Sheesley, U. of Calif. Cooperative Extension, Room 331 University Hall, 2200 University Ave., Berkeley, Calif. 94720. Or you can call him at (415) 642-0343.